

RESOLUTION NO. 12-328

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised of Mr. Dan A. Dennis' retirement celebration held on Thursday, January 26, 2012, after serving 53 years of employment with the J.C. Penney Company; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Dennis spent the last 32 years of his career with the J.C. Penney Company in Huntsville, Alabama. He moved his family to Huntsville in 1980 assuming the position of Store Manager at The Mall. In 1985, the J.C. Penney store moved to Madison Square Mall and that was his office location until retirement; and,

WHEREAS, he moved throughout the country serving the company. Some of the cities Mr. Dan Dennis worked in were his hometown, Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was hired by the J.C. Penney Company soon after graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1959. After Knoxville, he moved on to Chattanooga, Tennessee; Virginia Beach, Virginia; Dallas, Texas; Tupelo Mississippi; Roanoke Virginia; Atlanta, Georgia; then Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Dennis's late wife, Jane, always supported his moves. He would move on to the next location and buy a house; she stayed behind to pack up the old home and prepare for the new one; and,

WHEREAS, there were a few really nice perks. One such time was when Mr. Dennis was a regional Merchandise Manager based in Dallas, Texas. He was attending a convention in Colorado Springs when he and his late wife were invited to lunch with J.C. Penney himself; and,

WHEREAS, Dan and Mary Jane were married April 3, 1954, a marriage that lasted 57 years. Mary Jane Dennis passed away May 30, 2011. Their children are Dan A. Dennis, Jr., Milton Dennis and Janet Dennis Baird. Their three children gave them eight wonderful grandchildren and one delightful great grandchild; and,

WHEREAS, before the passing of his wife, a long walk together was how they started their day. After Jane's passing, Dan's day started with his getting ready for work, checking his email, reading the sports page and watching FOX News. Now that Dan is retired, he thinks he may start walking again; and,

WHEREAS, Dan's only reason for retirement was he thought it was time; after all, he had been with J.C. Penney Company for 53 years and he was 80 years old. Several people he hired and trained had retired already. There were only three employees working in the Huntsville store that he wasn't involved in their hiring. He stated that he wasn't running to anything and he wasn't running away from anything...it was just time to retire.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama express special thanks, and salute the remarkable career of Mr. Dan A. Dennis for his 53 years of dedication and untiring service to his customers and the J.C. Penney Company. He has earned much respect for his exceptional abilities and work ethic. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues, who have showered him with gifts, speeches and events. We wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

ADOPTED on this the 26th day of April, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the 26th day of April, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama